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Report of the Secretary-General

ANNEX

Reply received from the Permanent Mission of Italy,
dated 6 February 1998

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The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and, in connection with its note verbale G/SO 212-26(1) of 2 December 1997, has the honour to transmit to it the following information relating to the questionnaire on the human rights of migrants.

The Permanent Mission of Italy takes this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 6 February 1998

QUESTIONNAIRE ON
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

1. What are the latest figures or estimates for:

Total population, including non-nationals, preferably by nationality of origin?

A. Total population: 57,850,688; Italians: 56,778,031; aliens: 1,072,657 (see table A, in annex);

Number of nationals abroad, preferably by country of residence?

A. 2,496,815 (see table B, in annex);

Non-nationals having authorization to work in the country?

A. 638,423 (see table C, in annex);

Estimate of irregular migrants, including visa abusers, by country of origin?

A. -

2. What measures are being taken to strengthen the promotion, protection and implementation of the human rights of migrants, such as:

Legal measures;

Public information and education;

Provision of direct assistance and services;

Other measures, including bilateral and multilateral arrangements?

A. Decree-Law No. 89 of 30 December 1989 introduced regulations on immigration.

A bill which was submitted by the Government and is expected to be adopted shortly should establish general statutes for aliens defining, inter alia, their rights and measures to protect and safeguard them.

3. Have there been manifestations (how many cases) of racism, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination against migrants in your country and against your nationals in another country?

A. As in any country that hosts a large immigrant population, discrimination does occur in Italy. The matter is being closely monitored by the Government and by Parliament.

4. What steps have been taken in order to ratify the 1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

A. The matter is under review by the Italian authorities. Italy ratified Convention No. 97 concerning Migration for Employment on 22 October 1952 and Convention No. 143 on 23 June 1981.

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Note by the Secretariat: The annexes are in the Secretariat files and may be consulted on request.